

Docket No. 250257852

**IN RE THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasuyuki NOMIZU

SERIAL NO: 10/797,129

GAU: 2621

FILED: March 11, 2004

EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☐ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☒ Attached is a list of applicant's applications or issued patents which may be related to the present application. A copy of the claims and drawings of the applications is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

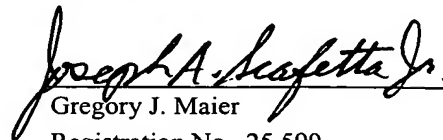
- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

  
Gregory J. Maier

Registration No. 25,599

Joseph A. Scafetta, Jr.  
Registration No. 26,803

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 05/03)

I:\USER\SSUL\RELATED CASES\250257US\TRANSMITTAL.DOC

Docket No. 250257US2/hc

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasuyuki NOMIZU

SERIAL NO: 10/797,129

GAU:

FILED: March 11, 2004

EXAMINER:

FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

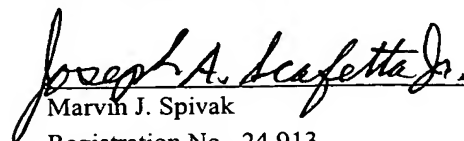
- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

  
Marvin J. Spivak

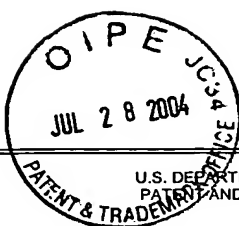
Registration No. 24,913

Joseph A. Scafetta, Jr.  
Registration No. 26,803

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 05/03)

Form PTO 1449  
(Modified)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY DOCKET NO.

250257US2

SERIAL NO.

10/797,129

## LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT

APPLICANT

Yasuyuki NOMIZU

FILING DATE

March 11, 2004

GROUP

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA						
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						
	AL						
	AM						
	AN						

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
	AO	11-144052	05/28/1999	JAPAN (with English Abstract)		X
	AP					
	AQ					
	AR					
	AS					
	AT					
	AU					
	AV					

## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

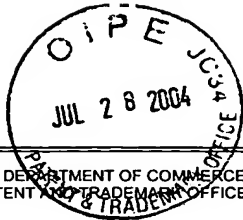
	AW	
	AX	
	AY	
	AZ	

☐ Additional References sheet(s) attached

Examiner

Date Considered

\*Examiner: Initial if reference is considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Form PTO 1449  
(Modified)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY DOCKET NO.

250257US2

SERIAL NO.

10/797,129

## LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT

APPLICANT

Yasuyuki NOMIZU

FILING DATE

March 11, 2004

GROUP

2621

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5,297,220	03/22/94	Nomizu			
	AB	6,301,391	10/09/01	Nomizu			
	AC	6,265,997	07/24/01	Nomizu			
	AD	2003/0137695	07/24/03	Nomizu			
	AE	2003/0095272	05/22/03	Nomizu			
	AF	2001/0050778	12/13/01	Fukuda et al.			
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						
	AL						
	AM						
	AN						

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
	AO					
	AP					
	AQ					
	AR					
	AS					
	AT					
	AU					
	AV					

## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AW	
	AX	
	AY	
	AZ	

☐ Additional References sheet(s) attached

Examiner

Date Considered

\*Examiner: Initial if reference is considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.



### LIST OF RELATED CASES

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent Number</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor/ Applicant</u>
PER CLIENT	10/372,479	02/21/03	UNKNOWN
PER CLIENT	10/348,444	01/21/03	NOMIZU
PER CLIENT	10/283,350	10/30/02	NOMIZU
PER CLIENT	09/847,192	05/02/01	FUKUDA et al.
0557-2860-2	5,297,220	03/22/94	NOMIZU
0557-4482-2	6,301,391	10/09/01	NOMIZU
0557-4799-2	6,265,997	07/24/01	NOMIZU
0557-4964-2	09/551,509	04/17/00	NAMIZUKA et al.
196809US2	09/654,050	09/01/00	MIYAZAKI et al.
197400US2 <sup>#</sup>	09/665,054	09/19/00	TAKAHASHI et al.
198574US2	09/693,987	10/23/00	KAWAMOTO et al.
199283US2	09/705,836	11/06/00	OTEKI et al.
199322US2	09/706,783	11/07/00	MIYAZAKI et al.
199326US2	09/706,781	11/07/00	OTEKI et al.
199688US2	09/713,194	11/16/00	NAMIZUKA et al.
200320US2	09/725,569	11/30/00	NAMIZUKA et al.
200784US2	09/735,649	12/14/00	FUKUDA et al.
201157US2	09/748,240	12/27/00	YOSHIZAWA et al.
201370US2	09/748,262	12/27/00	NAMIZUKA et al.
201392US2	09/749,819	12/28/00	FUKUDA et al.

\*Present Application; listed for information

# Abandoned Application

GJM/gyy

I:\EM\EMREL\249s-250s\250257US LIST.doc



202321US2	09/770,214	01/29/01	OTEKI et al.
202507US2	09/772,945	01/31/01	OTEKI et al.
203930US6	09/801,843	03/09/01	FUKUDA et al.
213382US2	09/940,589	08/29/01	INOUE et al.
250257US2*	10/797,129	03/11/04	NOMIZU

\*Present Application; listed for information

#Abandoned Application

GJM/gyy

I:\EM\EMREL\249s-250s\250257US LIST.DOC